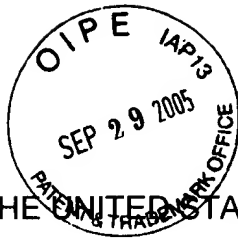


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 20, 2001, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Japanese Notice of the Reasons for Rejection dated August 16, 2005, together with an English language translation of the same, which issued with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-253549, and in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-011799, together with an English language abstract and a partial translation of the same; and
- (2) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-232696. Applicants note that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the document (1) is attached hereto and both documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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